

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2630.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2630) authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Navy to donate condemned cannon to the Londonderry Soldiers' Monument Association, of Londonderry, N. H., having considered the same, recommend its passage, and also report the following letter:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Washington, April 23, 1896.*

SIR: Referring to the bill (S. 2630) "authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Navy to donate condemned cannon to the Londonderry Soldiers' Monument Association, of Londonderry, New Hampshire," and to the committee's communication of the 31st ultimo, requesting to be advised as to the views of the Department in regard thereto, I have the honor to state that it appears from reports made to the Department by the Bureau of Ordnance that the 12-pounder howitzers, the donation of which is contemplated by the bill in question, can be prepared, complete, with 56 projectiles therefor, by supplying certain minor deficiencies in their fittings from other stations than that at which the guns now are.

In view of the above-mentioned report of the Bureau of Ordnance, and inasmuch as it appears that the guns and fittings referred to have been condemned and can be spared without detriment to the public interests, the Department perceives no objection to the passage of the bill in question.

Very respectfully,

W. MCADOO,
Acting Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS,
United States Senate.